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TITLE 2. AGRICULTURE
CHAPTER 71. GRADES AND STANDARDS
SUBCHAPTER 7. "JERSEY GROWN" LOGO

N.J.A.C. 2:71-7.5 (2013)

§ 2:71-7.5 Cut Christmas trees

(a) Pursuant to the authority of N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.2, the Department hereby adopts and incorporates by reference, the "United States Standards for Grades of Christmas Trees" § 51.3085 through 51.3106, effective October 30, 1989 and reprinted January 1997, as amended and supplemented, as the standard for cut Christmas trees. All cut Christmas trees utilizing the "Jersey Grown" logo shall meet or exceed the standards set forth at § 51.3087 for grade "U.S. No. 1".

(b) Copies of the "United States Standards for Grades of Christmas Trees" may be obtained from the following:

1. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fresh Products Branch Standardization Section, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, 1400 Independence Ave, SW Room 2065-S, Stop Code 0240, Washington, D.C. 20250-0240;
2. Online at the Agricultural Marketing Service website:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/christtr.pdf>;
3. The Director's office - Division of Marketing and Development, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0330; or
4. The Executive Secretary's office - New Jersey Christmas Tree Growers Association, P.O. Box 211, Stockton, NJ 08559.

(c) Leyland Cypress, Norway Spruce, Southwestern White Pine and Canaan Fir, which are not listed in the United States Standards for Grades of Christmas Trees, shall comply with all listed standards with the exception of the density standards, defined at § 51.3097, which shall be as follows:

1. Heavy Density:
 - i. Norway Spruce = 80 to 100 percent;
 - ii. Leyland Cypress = 90 to 100 percent;
 - iii. Southwestern White Pine = 90 to 100 percent; and
 - iv. Canaan Fir = 70 to 100 percent;
2. Medium Density:
 - i. Norway Spruce = 60 to 80 percent;
 - ii. Leyland Cypress = 70 to 90 percent;
 - iii. Southwestern White Pine = 70 to 90 percent; and
 - iv. Canaan Fir = 50 to 70 percent; and
3. Light Density:
 - i. Norway Spruce = 40 to 60 percent;
 - ii. Leyland Cypress = 50 to 70 percent;
 - iii. Southwestern White Pine = 50 to 70 percent; and
 - iv. Canaan Fir = 40 to 50 percent.

(d) In addition to the requirements set forth in (a) above, all cut Christmas trees shall be grown in New Jersey for a period of at least four years prior to retail sale.

HISTORY:

New Rule, R.2006 d.424, effective December 4, 2006.